

RESTRICTED ACCESS FISHERY POSSIBILITIES

WHAT IS A RESTRICTED ACCESS FISHERY?

- Stock can't sustain the demand
- Not Everyone Gets To Participate
- Recovering or weak stocks should only provide de minimis opportunity
- Must determine:
 - What take can stock sustain at any given level - TAC
 - Establish a minimum “experience” for those chosen to participate
 - Determine how opportunities will be allocated
 - Experience and number of opportunities can change with stock health

Options To Distribute Opportunities

- Random Draw
 - Everyone has equal chance every year (Wildlife Area Hunts)
- Preference Points
 - Those who have waited the longest get preference (Big Game Draw)
- Pay to Play
 - Those who are willing to pay more get preference (You name it)

Experience Options

- Daily Bag Limit
- Total Individual Allocation
- Season Timing, Length, or Number of Days
- Party Size
- Size Limit
- Biological Data Collection

Example One – Biological Fishery

- Could be implemented very early on in the stock recovery by using fishermen to collect biological data that would otherwise need to be collected by the Department
- Limited in number of opportunities and scope
- Would require presenting the animals to Department to collect data, but would be retained by fishermen

Example Two – Area Re-Entry

- A specific geographical area is identified as having good environmental and stock conditions that could allow a limited opportunity
- Opportunity would be scaled to ensure no significant impact to recovery (bag limit, season length, number of entrants, etc.)
- Could be tailored to serve a specific stakeholder group – for example rock-picker fishery centered around low tides

Example Three - Recovered

- Once a significant area (county?) has reached recovery standards, could consider open access or a very liberal restricted access opportunity
- This could be a county-wide opportunity with characteristics similar to where we were before the collapse of the fishery
- Would likely consolidate all previous opportunities in the geographic area into one – simplify and provide more flexibility

A Scheme Might Look Like:

Year Bio-Fish	Year Re-Entry	Year Recovered
Fort Ross	Fort Ross Rock Picker	Sonoma County Tag
Sea Ranch	Fort Ross Diver	Mendocino Tag
VanDamme	Glass Beach Diver	Other Tag
Glass Beach	Moat Creek Rock Picker	
San Miguel		

Next Steps:

- Design Opportunites
- Identify triggers/standards for activation (decision rules)
- Build into Harvest Control Rule (HCR)
- Discussion/Questions